## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for generating a low-density parity check code consisting of an information-part matrix and a parity-part matrix, comprising the steps of:

changing the information-part matrix to an array code structure, and allocating a degree sequence to each of submatrix columns;

extending the parity-part matrix such that an offset value between diagonal lines has a predetermined value in a generalized dual-diagonal matrix which is the parity-part matrix;

lifting the generalized dual-diagonal matrix;

determining an offset value for cyclic column shift for each submatrix of the lifted generalized dual-diagonal matrix; and

performing an encoding process for determining a parity symbol corresponding to a column of the parity-part matrix.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the degree sequence is formed in accordance with Equation (37).

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- 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the offset value between diagonal lines is relatively prime to the number of columns in the generalized dual-diagonal matrix.
- 25 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the number of rows in the submatrix is a prime number.
  - 5. The method of claim 1, wherein a difference between a sum of offset values for cyclic row shift of a submatrix on a diagonal line in a generalized dual-diagonal matrix which is the parity-part matrix and a sum of

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offset values for cyclic row shift of a submatrix on an offset diagonal line is not 0.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the encoding process comprises the process of:

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- (a) determining a parity symbol of a first row in a submatrix with a submatrix column index 0 on a diagonal line of the parity-part matrix;
- (b) setting a row index in a submatrix of a parity symbol being identical to the determined parity symbol in column index in a submatrix in a submatrix on an offset diagonal line having the same submatrix column index as the submatrix column index of the set parity symbol;
- (c) determining a parity symbol having the same row index in the set submatrix in a submatrix on a diagonal line having the same submatrix row index as the submatrix row index of the submatrix on the offset diagonal line; and
- (d) repeatedly performing the steps (b) and (c) until generation of the parity matrix is completed.
- 7. The method of claim 6, wherein in step (a), the parity symbol is determined by a sum of information symbols of the information-part matrix existing in the same row as a row index in the submatrix whose parity symbols are determined.
- 8. The method of claim 6, wherein in step (b), the row index in the submatrix is set in accordance with Equation (38).

$$y_{i+(r-l)}^{(2)} = x_i^{(1)} - j_{2(i+(r-l))+1}$$
......(38)

where  $v^{(2)}_{i+(r-f)}$  denotes a row index in a submatrix with a submatrix column index i on an offset diagonal line,  $x^{(1)}_{i}$  denotes a column index in a submatrix with a column index i existing in a diagonal line, and  $j_{2(i+(r-f))+1}$  denotes an offset value for cyclic column shift of a submatrix with a submatrix column index i on

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the offset diagonal line.

The method of claim 6, wherein in step (c), the parity symbol is 9. determined in accordance with Equation (39).

$$P_{x_{i_{n}(n)}}^{(i)} = P_{x_{i}^{(i)}} + V_{y_{i_{n}(n)}}^{(i)} \qquad (39)$$

where  $p_{x_{i+(r-f)}^{(1)}}$  denotes a parity symbol corresponding to  $x_{i+(r-f)}^{(1)}$ ,  $p_{x_i^{(1)}}$  denotes a parity symbol corresponding to a column index  $x^{(1)}_{i}$ , and  $v_{y_{i(r-1)}^{(2)}}$  denotes a sum of information symbols existing in a row with a row index  $y^{(2)}_{i+(r-f)}$  in a submatrix with a submatrix column index i+(r-f).

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